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Councillor McGovern,

I am a resident of Cambridge for the past 2 years, an active progressive voter involved in local community groups like Green Cambridge, and a former postdoctoral fellow at Harvard's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. I am also a supporter of the Massachusetts Against Hewlett Packard campaign here in Cambridge.

There are several reasons why I support the MAHP campaign but let me share just one. I'm a historian of the Middle East who is deeply engaged with the situation in Palestine/Israel and have close friends on both sides of the wall that separate the occupied territories from Israel proper.Some are Israeli, some Palestinian citizens of Israel, and others are Palestinians living in the West Bank, for whom Israel is responsible under international law for their well-being. HP provides the database technologies that allow for the Israeli government's biometric ID system. This system is the linchpin in the Israeli policy of tiered citizenship that separates populations and effectively denies basic human rights of movement and access to social services to both Palestinians and Palestinian citizens of Israel. It is the technological equivalent of how the South African Apartheid regime used photographic technology from Polaroid to maintain its infamous pass laws that tightly controlled the movement of blacks and other non-white South Africans until 1986. HP is knowingly complicit in these policies and seeks to profit from the violence and humiliation carried out daily against Palestinians in the occupied territories and even within Israel itself.

I hope you will support MAHP. Cambridge helped dismantle South African apartheid and it should do the same here.

Best,
Casey Primel